

More Power?

DDHU Supports the Army's Deployable Medical Systems with Plenty of Power!

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Defense Distribution Depot Hill, Utah (DDHU) has added two super machines to its super support of the Army's Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS) and other DDHU customers.

DDHU assembles, modifies, repairs, rebuilds, certifies and stores DEPMEDS modular units that can contain operating rooms, x-ray equipment, blood labs and pharmacies. DEPMEDS can range in size from a single unit general-purpose lab to a 1,000-bed hospital containing 12,000 line items. These self-contained, portable units are capable of being positioned quickly in an area of operations during war or a national emergency.

DDHU's FANTUZZI Super Stacker is used for movement of DEPMEDS containers and containers of various sizes. DDHU has a crane attachment for the Fantuzzi that is also used.

A real benefit to DDHU from the Fantuzzi is that unlike some other cranes and stackers only one person is necessary to operate it. DDHU sometimes uses a spotter for added safety or unusual work.



Fantuzzi lifting . . .

Lindsay, Wiley Worrall and Scott Fredrickson. All of these personnel have been trained and certified on the Fantuzzi but also have multiple skills that support various functions within Stock Maintenance Division.

DDHU is located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, which is also home to the Ogden Air Logistics Center or ALC. Distribution Center employees perform key distribution operations that support the maintenance functions at the Ogden Air Logistics Center (ALC). Primary distribution support to the Ogden ALC is provided for the Minuteman and Peacekeeper missiles and the Emergency Rocket Communication System; the F-16 Fighting Falcon; the C-130 Hercules; and Air Force-wide depot level overhaul and repair for all types of landing gear, wheels, brakes and tires.

Tent repair is another function that DDHU performs. DDHU employees reprogram microcircuit chips with new instructions for use on general and special purpose computers found in DOD weapons systems.



Fantuzzi stacking . . .

The Fantuzzi has a lifting/moving capacity of 99,200 lbs—that's more lifting capacity than containers can hold. It can reach higher than 40 feet—that's five containers stacked one on top of another. Usually DDHU only stacks three high.

The Fantuzzi has a short turning radius, increased lifting capacity, better field of vision, readouts and control panels provide more information and are easily seen, the cabin is sound proof, and there is interior and exterior lighting. The Fantuzzi also has better safety features than similar machines previously used at DDHU.

DDHU has three primary Fantuzzi operators and two alternates, all who really like these diesel-powered machines. The operators and alternates are Tom Aylor, Mark Barlow, Carl



Fantuzzi moving.